CENSUS PATRONAGE. \$150,000 Worth of It to Be Distribut-

ed in Seventh District

ooo.

First and foremost, there would be a supervisor of the census for the district, and Jim Dobson, one of Leland's followers, has his eye on this julcy plum. Then each county would have a supervisor, and each township and ward, would have an enumerator. This patronage would be far reaching and remunerative, and the Long men propose to control it, and rumor says they have already farmed this patronage out among the faithful followers of the gang.

FACTS COME OUT.

Full Details of the Method by the

Maker of the Mine.

New York, April 8.-Joseph Paul

Gibbons, the electrician who supplied sub-marine mines to the Spanish gov-

ernment, cables from London to the

World:

by design.

sulated switch.

exploded.

World:
The only sub-marine mines which have been supplied to the Spanish government since 1886-7, were manufactured under my own patents.

I then supplied them with 56 ground mines, 25 buoyant mines, each with a charge of 500 pounds of gun cotton and 15 electric contact mines, exploded either by contact or by observation from shore, each containing a charge of 100 pounds of gun cotton.

The mines sent to Havana would still retain full effectiveness. They will last under water for an indefinite period.

od.

In 1896-7 the Spanish government ordered a fresh supply of my patent mines. Whether they went to Havana or not is immaterial.

One of the mines supplied in 1886 is still fully capable of causing the destruction of the Maine.

In fact, I am convinced, from all surgunding circumstances, that no other mounting circumstances.

I am convinced also that the explosion of the mine which destroyed the Maine was the work of one or two men,

Maine was the work of one or two men, for these reasons:

First—A vessel swinging, either anchored for moored upon striking the circuit closer case would merely drop a shutter on the keyboard on shore, warning the officer in charge that she was in contact with the mine.

Second—Before the officer is in a position to fire the mine he must obtain one of two keys. One generally is kept by the commandant, the other by the officer in charge of the firing station. He then must unlock the glass door over which the shutter has fallen and insert a red danger plug in the insulated switch.

ulated switch.
Third—He must insert a plug in the
witch of the firing battery earth plate,
Fourth—The firing key hammer must

be pressed on to the contact anvil to complete the circuit that explodes the detonator, by which the mine in turn is

I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the Maine was deliberately destroyed with a five hundred pound

ground mine as invented and supplied

IN JEFFERSON'S HAND.

Copy of the Declaration of Independ-

ence Found in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 8.—A careful research among the archives of the American Philosophical society of this city has brought to light a copy of the Declaration of Independence in Jefferson's own handwriting, amended by the committee of which he was chairman,

presented to congress June 28, 1776, and adopted July 4.
Dr. J. M. Hayes, librarian of the so-

ciety, has for some time been making a careful investigation of the history of

Yaughn that the document presented by Mr. Lee was one of the two copies he made from the original draft. The

other copy was reported to congress.

What became of it is not known.

The formal declaration to which the signatures were attached is now in state. It was brought to this city centennial year, and was exhibited in Independence hall in a large safe with a beauty plate glass door.

the destruction of the Maine

I am satisfied that the explosion was

Crosby Bros'. One Day Suit Sale Satur ed in Seventh District. Wichita, Kan., April 8.—For a long time, the people have wondered, why the push in this congressional district are straining every effort, to secure the nomination of Chester I. Long, while they know that Jerry Simpson can beat Long if nominated. The backers of Long if nominated. The backers of Long desire to continue in control of the postoffice patronage, of the Seventh congressional district. Long is the postoffice referee of the district, and it seems that Senator Baker has been very glad to shoulder this responsibility onto Long. It now transpires that the postoffice patronage of the district is not all they have in view. If Long is nominated, whether elected or not, he will control and dispense the census patronage of 1900. This patronage, in so large a district as the Seventh, with 36 counties, is far reaching and will involve the expenditure of at least \$150,000.

COVERT CLOTH, Tan or Brown mixed fly-front Reefer Jacket, brocade silk lined self strap trimmed.

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Special \$12.50 Suit | Special \$13.75 Suit | Special \$15.75 Suit Like this Cut.

All - Wool CHEVIOT SERGE fly-front Reefer silk lined Bayadere, welt Jacket Suit, lined throughout with handsome changeable taffeta silk.

Like this Cut.

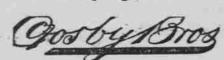


I a lies' \$12.50 Suits, Ladies' \$10.00 Suits, Ladies' \$8.75 Suits on one Rack Tomorrow, all new and nobby. PLACARD READS \$7.75 Suit. (This price for Saturday Only.)

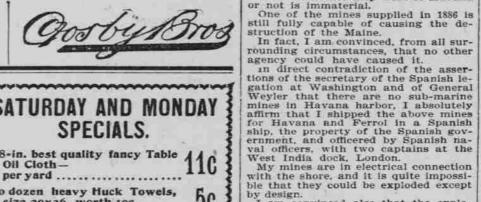
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Men's fine dress shoes, lace or congress, worth \$2.50	1.29
Men's fine calf shoes, chocolate or black, worth \$3.50 §	1.98
flen's heavy plow shoes, buckled and lace, worth \$1.50	980
Infant's dongola, button, chocolate or black, worth 50c	29c
Childs' kangaroo calf, pat tip, worth 89c	48c
Childs' dongola, button pat tips, worth 89c	48c
Childs' fine vici pat tips, worth 98c	58c
Misses' fine vici button or lace, pat trimmed, worth \$1.25	79c
Misses' kangaroo, calf cap toe, worth \$1.50	98c
Misses' fine dongola, chocolate and black, worth \$1.50	980
Ladies' strap sandals, chocolate and black, worth 1.25	98c
Ladies' vici fe dora oxford, chocolate and black, worth \$2.50	1.58

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	Black and colors double fold wool Dress Goods— per yard	11c
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	ing, worth 15c- per yard	020
	36-in. Percales, fast colors, good styles, worth 10c— per yard	62C
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1.	One case fancy Dress Prints, Good Styles, worth 5c	31c
	Boys' Leather Stocking Hose, Best Quality, per pair	19c

KILLED BY A CYCLIST. Editor of Dayton Fress Run Over by a

Wheelman. Dayton, O., April 8.-This morning J. McLain Smith, city editor of the Evening Press and son of Gen. Samuel B. Smith, a member of the city council, died from a fracture of the skull. He was run into last evening by the professional bicyclist, Roy Lefevre, while

crossing a street.

Lafevre gave himself up to the po-

NEGROES ARE ANGRY. Colored Militiamen of Indiana to Be

Mustered Out of Service.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.-Orders were issued today from the adjutant general's office to have each company recruit new men to its full complement

The negroes here are very indignant over a proposition to increase the two colored companies to four and organize them into a separate battalion. This was refused by the negroes, who insist-ed upon being attached to a white regiment so the negro officers could be in line of promotion and eventually com-mand white troops.

The governor and officers of the guard

would not listen to such a proposition. The negroes now will all be mustered

They are very angry at the officials and say it is the worst slap they ever got. They hold the political balance of power in this city and state.

WOMEN IN SESSION.

City Federation of Clubs Meets and

Elects Officers. The City Federation of Woman's clubs met yesterday afternoon at Unity chapel for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The rule of the federation is that no officer can be re-elected. The following were elect-ed yesterday: Mrs. W. A. McCarter, president; Mrs.

J. E. Nowers, first vice president; Mrs. Albert Latham, second vice president; Mrs. S. A. Thurston, treasurer; Mrs. S. M. Wood, secretary. Mrs. Mrs. McCarter spoke briefly in accepting the presidency and Mrs. J. K. Hudson, the retiring president delivered a farewell address. In closing her address Mrs. Hudson presented the federation with the colors she had chosen as the official emblem, pink and lavender. Pink because it is a favorite of Mrs. Hudson's and a tasteful color for decorations, lavender for the reason that Mary H. Ford linked it with kindliness and understanding.

Why Not

Take the Union Pacific's new 8:20 a. m., train for Kansas City? Returning, you can leave Kansas City at 4 p. m., reaching Topeka at 6:10 p. m., or you can take the Limited, leaving Kansas City at 7 p. m., which reaches Topeka at 8:30

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-



MANHATTAN TYPHOID.

reproduced.

A report of the recent epidemic of typhoid fever at Manhattan has been sent to the state printer by Dr. H. Z. Gill, secretary of the state board of health and will be issued in pamphlet form. During the epidemic there were about 100 cases of the fever, and 16 deaths

deaths.

The fact that Manhattan is without a proper sewerage system is declared in the report to be the cause of the epidemic. It is reasoned that as the average economic loss of a life is equal to \$5,000, and at this rate the 16 deaths represented an ultimate loss of \$80,000, the city could much better afford to build a sewerage system than to allow the present condition to continue.

Easter **Offerings**

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New styles in plaid Madras The handsomest fabrics we have seen. New styles in Ahnora Turkey Red Plaids

Entirely new patterns..... New styles in Waist Silks in plaids, stripes and brocades 50c and 75c Corsets in 18, 25, 26, 27, 29, only for rsets in 18, 25, 26, 27, 29, only 25c

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At coarse prices, and the cheaper grades also at figures showing no tariff advances. A special bargain in 72-inch Cream linen Damask at 39c, in Turkey Reds at 25c, and in 72-inch Irish Bleached at 89c. dollar goods even, in '97, these last. The bulk of our Linens were bought way last year, which accounts for the fact of our dodging the tariff in the price.

We have them now at most any price from 50 cents to \$6.50. We don't expect you to buy them from us if we do not show you a handsome saving from credit prices. Scrims 31/2 cents a yard up. Dotted and figured Swisses 10 cents. Point D'Esprit 25 cents. Brass Extension Rods, 8 and 13 cents, of the 15 and 25 cents kinds. Gimp, Fringes, etc., all under the market.

Felt Shades, complete with spring rollers, 10 cents each. Opaque Shades, complete with spring rollers, 25 cents each. Portiers from \$2.25 up in Chenille and Tapestry.

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caused by a ground mine—not by a buoyant mine—for Havana harbor is too shallow to admit of the use of the latter. I am prepared to satisfy by demonstration any jury of reasonable men that this is a true explanation of is not on Spain, but on the cruiser of high prices for Groceries. We have arranged below a few hot shots and will sink the pesky old bulk that ought to have gone down long ago. Come in and enjoy with us the fruits of this coming

the paper, and brought out the fact that its complete identification was made in 1825 by John Vaughn, then li-brarian of the society, who wrote to Jefferson for that purpose.

The document was presented to the society by the grandson of Richard Henry Lee, who stated that it was sent to his grandfather July 8, 1776, and had been kept among the Lee family papers. Jefferson wrote Librarian Venebr, that the document presented

2 cans California 3 lbs Cherries.....

Dried Fruit.

2 lbs fancy Cal. Evap. Apricots....
2 lbs fancy Cal. Evap. Peaches
3 lbs fancy Cal. Evap. Nectarines ...
5 lbs Country Dried Apples ...
2 lbs Blackberries ...
1 lb Evap. Raspberries ...
1 lb fancy Figs ...
7 lbs Raisin Cured Prunes ...
5 lbs Cal. Evap. Egg Plums ...
5 lbs choice Cal. Peaches ...
6 lbs Raisins ... dependence hall in a large safe with a heavy plate glass door.

The society's document is on four pages of fool's cap, written on both sides, and is now inclosed between glass plates. The writing is small and beautifully plain, and is entirely legible, except where the paper has been folded for filing. It has been photographed by Julius Sachs, of the society, and will be reproduced.

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large pail Mackerel 4 0
0 nice Mackerel
large fat Mackerel
large Herring
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Meats and Lard. W * ST's Capital Hams
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